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NEWS FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Earlier this year, the town of Greenfield's website underwent a make-over and transitioned from the older file-cabinet based website, to a new open source website that will better accommodate smartphones and tablet viewers. One of the big differences is the website's ability to re-size and change orientation of website pages for those devices with smaller screens -on the fly. These website changes came about as part of an effort to create a website for the Stephenson Memorial Library that would better convey all of the programs and events that are hosted at the library throughout the year. The website upgrade for the Library was handled by the vendor for the town's website and this allowed the Library and the town to benefit from the technology changes that had occurred since the town's website was started. The initial cost for the set-up was covered through a generous donation to the library, and the ongoing annual cost of the website has not changed and won't cost the library any additional funds in future years. In many ways, this was a win-win for everyone. We now have a new updated website for the same annual fee that we have been paying for the older model.

Once we had a chance to work with the new website, we discovered that there are a lot of changes behind the scenes for the administration of the site. The website also has some design features that we can't change as they are built into the framework of the site. We appreciate the patience that people have shown and the suggestions that people have made. Going forward, we would like to know how the site is working and whether people have suggestions on how to make navigation easier. If you have a suggestion or have run into a difficulty, we would appreciate it if you would email them to Aaron (greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net) or Catherine (greenfieldnhacct@myfairpoint.net) and we'll do our best to incorporate your suggestions. Our hope is that in addition to a number of new technology features, and a brand new website for the Library, the town website will be more accessible, and that it will continue to present town government information in a uniform manner. Let us know what you think.

The Selectboard



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LIBRARY**

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information*

TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD

Executive Selectboard meetings are
Tues. at 5:30pm every week unless otherwise posted.

Selectboard: Margo Charig Bliss, Chair
Stephen Atherton Jr., Robert Marshall
Aaron Patt, Town Administrator
Email: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net
Town Offices open: Mon.-Thurs 9:00am
to 5:00pm. Closed to the public on Friday.
**Please call if you need an appointment
during closed hours.**

Catherine Shaw, Office Manager
Tel: 547-3442 Fax: 547-3004
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BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR

Inspections by Appt/as needed
Inspector - Mike Borden 547-0437
Town Office Hours: Tuesdays 1-4pm
Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meets 4th Wed. of the Month at 7:30pm
Vice Chair: Janet Renaud
Email: jromane202@myfairpoint.net

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mon. at 6:00pm
At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon.
meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon.
meeting is for other business.
Chair: Paul Renaud Tel: 831-9823
Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

Mon. 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Thurs. 9:00am to 12:00pm
Thurs. 6:00pm to 7:30pm
1st Sat. from 9:00am to 12:00pm
Town Clerk - Dee Sleeper
Tel: 547-2782
Email: greenfieldnhhc@myfairpoint.net

TAX COLLECTOR

Mon. 1:00pm to 7:30pm
Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm
1st Saturday 9:00am to 12:00pm
Tax Collector - Kathleen Valliere
Tel: 547-2782 Fax: 547-2242
Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway
Walk-in Hours: Weds- 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com
For Appts: 547-3442
Emergency assist: Call Police at 547-2525

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roads Division Manager:

Neal Beauregard 547-3504
Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

Buildings & Grounds Division Manager:

Rick McQuade 325-7346
Email: DPWbuildings@myfairpoint.net

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tues 2pm to 6pm, Wed 10am to 8pm,
Thurs 2pm to 8pm, Fri 2pm to 6pm,
Sat 10am to 4pm
Tel: 547-2790

Director: Beverly Pietlicki
director@stephensonlibrary.org
youth@stephensonlibrary.org
Circulation/General Questions
circulation@stephensonlibrary.org

Monthly meetings at the library
Library Trustees 1st Wed at 6:30pm
Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7:00pm

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00am to 4pm
Thursday 11:00am to 6:00pm
Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm
Stickers for residents at the Town Office.
Supervisor: Carol Burgess Tel: 547-8617
Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings as needed
Chair: John Gryval Please call the Town
Office for information Tel: 547-3442

OTHER COMMITTEES OR CONTACTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meetings as needed
Chair: Norm Nickerson - 547-3592

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Chair: Gil Bliss - 547-3606

TOWN MODERATOR

Gil Bliss - 547-3606

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Chair: Ken Paulsen - 547-2180

SCHOOL BOARD REP:

Myron Steere
547-3332

TOWN FORESTER

NH Licensed Forester
Karla Allen Tel: 662-5646
Email: karla@garlandlumber.net

EMERGENCIES

DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE
DIAL 911 or 352-1100

FIRE & POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: David Hall 547-3501 or 2222
Station hrs: Mon. 9-12, Thurs. by appt.
Emergency Dispatch: 352-1100 or 911
Email: chiefdavidhall@greenfieldfire.org
Business Mtg. 1st Mon. of month at 7:00pm

FIRE BURN PERMITS

To obtain a Fire Permit
Please call one of the following:

FIRE WARDENS

Eugene Hennessy, Fire Warden	718-3936
David Hall, Deputy FW2	547-2222
Jeff LaCourse, Deputy FW3	582-3289
Michael Borden, Deputy FW4	547-0437
Chaz Babb, Deputy FW5	562-0545

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Brian Giammarino
Office: 547-2535 Dispatch: 547-2525
Email: greenfieldnhpolice@myfairpoint.net



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To submit articles to the Spirit:

E-mail text to: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net, or drop off typed articles to the
Town Offices. Also, please send in pho-
tos, articles, event announcements, news
of the town, poems, drawings, historical
info, etc., with the name of the writer
and/or photographer. Thanks!

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of the authors and do not necessarily
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FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

It took a bit longer but the warm days are finally here. School will be out soon and the fun times of summer will start. Many fun projects lead to unwanted items. We accept many items outside of your kitchen trash so please see us for direction on where to place them. You can also talk with us before tackling a project to get an idea of how to prepare unwanted items and what expense may be involved. It is also very wise to check with us concerning any type of fluids you wish to dispose of.

Please remember you must provide your own muscle power to unload heavy items.

NEW PERMANENT HOURS: Tuesday 8am - 4pm, Thursday 11am to 6pm, Saturday 8am - 4pm.

These hours took effect on April 1, 2017. Please note that Tuesday's and Thursday's hours are the only changes and Thursday's hours will now be year around.

Be Aware Of The Open Operational Hours

We have the gates open at off hours for various reasons but it is not safe for the public to be on the premises.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: Collections have started - information sheets are available. Remember we cannot accept hazardous waste - your items must be taken to Keene.

TAKE NOTICE: Final answer - caps off #1 & #2 plastics. We have realized a considerable increase in the weight of the plastic bales by having the caps off. This is due to the reduction of trapped air. A barrel sits between the plastics windows for the collection of the caps. Please continue to rinse all containers you recycle as we physically handle each one for sorting and processing. Please rinse, the unrinsed containers with liquids such as bleach or moldy residue in the bottles is not only a health hazard but also attracts insects and rodents.

Take time and "Look Up" at the samples on the building by each plastic window.

We greatly appreciate your efforts and cooperation with this and apologize for any inconvenience.

REMINDERS:

- All trash must be in bags and tied closed. Thank you for your constant cooperation on this issue.

- **ALL METALS and BRUSH MUST BE CHECKED** as well as Mini Mall and Library items.

- **NO YARD OR GARDEN WASTE ACCEPTED.** Call Matthewson - 525-3549

- Plastics - # 1's are **BOTTLES ONLY**. Please look up for some samples on the wall for the plastics.

- Aluminum-cans - NO aerosol cans - these go in steel cans.

- Large Steel cans - Please take off the bottom of 46 oz or larger steel cans, and crush the can in half. This helps tremendously to increase the storage capacity.

- **CORRUGATED CARDBOARD** - If it has ridges it is corrugated -TEAR to check. Must be dry and clean. NO greasy pizza box bottoms or inserts - greasy bottoms are trash, recycle the clean box top. Please take out all packing materials in the corrugated cardboard boxes before recycling.

- Used Motor Oil and Vegetable/Nut oils - are collected all year long. The motor oil is used to heat the building and the veggie/nut oils are collected by a specialty company who converts it into a useable heating oil. ***Requirements are posted on the wall at the collection area by the entrance door. Thank you for your contributions.

- Lawn mowers/Bicycles - these items need to be checked and the history on usable lawn equipment is appreciated.

- Demo/Construction debris/ Bulky Waste and all Electronics - Must see attendant. ALL have FEES applied.

The GRC's handout provides more details for recyclable items.

REMEMBER GREENFIELD HAS MANDATORY RECYCLING.

We are never too far away or too busy for you to ask questions. We take pleasure in making your time at the center a friendly and productive experience.

Carol Burgess and the Recycling Center Staff

Contoocook Valley Transportation Company

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limiting circumstances:

To learn more: Call, toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, extension 5

Email: info@cvtc-nh.org Visit: www.cvtc-nh.org

GREENFIELD RECREATION

Call 547-3442 for more information or the contacts below.

MUSIC ON THE COMMON

June 27th

The Blacklite Band

Rock & Roll

July 4th

The Nelson Town Band

Patriotic Music

July 11th

Bow Junction

Bluegrass

July 18th

TBA

July 25th

Club Soda Band

Rock & Roll

August 1st

Granite State Dixieland Band

Dixieland

August 8th

Jose Duddy

Country

August 15th

Brickyard Blues

Blues



All concerts will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Bring a blanket or a chair to sit on.

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
COME ON DOWN, BRING THE KIDS,
AND ENJOY
MUSIC ON THE COMMON!**



COME CELEBRATE!

1987 - 2017

Reverend Dan Osgood's

30 years of...
Comforting Teaching Loving Counseling Shepherding Guiding Preaching Caring



**Oak Park Greenfield NH
Saturday August 19, 2017
11 am to 4 pm**

Will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, paper products for all

Bring your favorite summer dessert or salad to share

Greenfield Covenant Church
Serving Greenfield NH since 1791

Monadnock Music Festival Returns to Greenfield

Sunday, July 23rd, there will be a free chamber music concert at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary (upstairs) at the Meeting House on the Common.

Each summer, Monadnock Music presents its renowned Village Concerts, bringing distinguished artists to historic meeting houses throughout the region free of charge, making some of the greatest classical music accessible to all.

For Greenfield, Monadnock Music will be presenting a special concert for Children and Families! Further info about the entire festival is posted on their website:

<http://monadnockmusic.org/index.html>

Voluntary donations to support the Monadnock Music Village Concerts will be accepted at the performance.

No tickets or reservations required.

Looking forward to seeing you then!

Please note that the concert space is not handicapped-accessible.

THE GREENFIELD WOMAN'S CLUB

SERVING THE TOWN AND SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR 95 YEARS



Harvest Fair Workbee

**L to R: Murly Miner, Patty Ingelstrom, Margaret McCormack,
Anne Cook, & Pat Russell**

On Saturday, June 17th at 2:00 PM the Greenfield Woman's Club will hold its last meeting.

In 1921 a group of mothers were concerned about the conditions at the school and got together to try to do something about it. Their objective was the social, educational, and moral uplift of the town. It started as The Mother's Club but with so many women wanting to join it soon became the Greenfield Woman's Club.

Some of the first projects the Club took on had to do with the school: sanitary indoor toilets, a water tank and faucet, money to help pay a janitor, and replace the woodburning stove with a furnace.

Through the years the Club has continued to support the school and the town. We were the first Friends of the Library - painting its interior, making drapes for the windows, books, storm windows. We also gave a \$10,000 donation to help start the fund drive for the library addition. The Meeting House was and is the beneficiary of the Club as well. We have paid for the painting of the main room, the restoration of the lobby, the stage curtain plus other work that needed to be done.

Camperships to school children, special programs to enhance their education, a book scholarship to a graduating senior have kept the Club connected to the children and their education.

Our main fundraiser has been the Annual Harvest Fair, which was held on the first Saturday in October. It was always a lot of fun and brought the town together before winter set in. We held it at the Meeting House and our beautiful sugar maples did not let us down lending their splendor to our fair. There were also many other fundraisers - House Tours, Special Teas, Greenfield Woman's Club cookbooks, but the Harvest Fair was the only annual fundraiser.

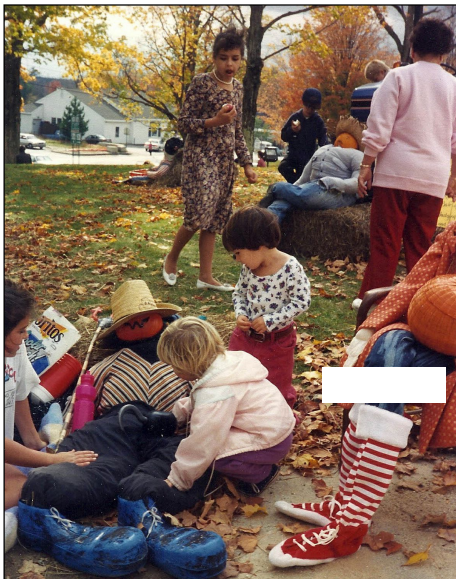
Because of our dwindling and aging membership we are no longer able to do any fundraising. For that reason the Greenfield Woman's Club will be dissolved after the



**Harvest Fair Baked Goods Table
Mary Sleeper & Pat Russell**



**Annual Meeting -
Barbara C. Harris Center
L to R Back row: Mary Sleeper, Irene
Koch, Annie Cook, Sarah Winchester,
Estalynn Westcott, Estelle Merzi,
Dorothy Drake, & Mildred Russell
Front: Carele Mayer, Murly Miner
& Liz Robertson**



Outside at the Harvest Fair

June 17th celebration of our club.

We would hope past and present members of the Woman's Club as well as townspeople and children will come to see our history and enjoy community with one another.

**The celebration is an Open House from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. on
Saturday, June 17th at the Meeting House.**

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

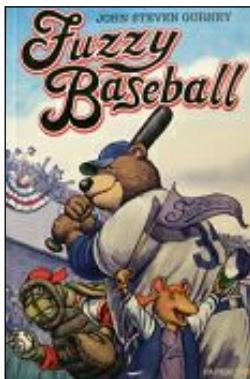
Beverly Pietlicki, Director

Library Contact: 547-2790, director@stephensonlibrary.org
T 2-6, W 10-8, Th 2-8, F 2-6, Sat 10-4, Closed Sunday-Monday

The Stephenson Memorial Library is a not-for-profit public library.

The featured Art Exhibit for the months of June and July are the paintings from the Greenfield Watercolor Collaborative. These are the folks that come to the library from October to May and paint together in our reading room and they have produced some very fine artwork - please stop by to check out the beautiful framed pieces hanging in the library.

Famous Illustrator to visit Greenfield Elementary School as part of Clif grant



June 9th from 8:45-9:45 am Author and Illustrator, John Steven Gurney to visit Greenfield Elementary School! John is a Vermont resident who has been illustrating books for children for a long time. He is the illustrator of over 100 A to Z Mystery and The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids books as well as the author/illustrator of Dinosaur Train (\$15.00) and The Fuzzy Baseball (\$10.00) John will be doing a drawing workshop after his

presentation and his book will be available for purchase and signing- (cash or checks only.) This event is open to parents and children of all ages in Greenfield and is funded by a Children's Literacy Foundation (CLIF) grant. Groups of books provided by the foundation will be given to each of the students at the school to begin their Summer Reading Journey!

Please join us for these regularly scheduled events!

Children's Monthly Book Discussions Update

A huge thank you for the leaders of our two children's book clubs, Ms. Eileen Eber and Ms. Jami Bascom! These fun book clubs were attended by a group of anxious and ready readers who discussed the books they read and did activities to enhance their experiences. Children traded turns sitting in the library's author chair to highlight their responses to the reading choices. These monthly children's book clubs for Pre K - Grade 7 will resume in September. Look for a new list of books in August!



The last "Armchair Travel" National Parks series with Steve Farrar will be Wednesday, June 14th at 7 pm in the Wensberg Room featuring Parks of the Pacific Northwest. This wonderful program has created a group of followers and now a National Park edu-

cated group who will be sad to see this program conclude. Thank you, Steve, for a wonderful series of adventures through our National Parks that we won't forget.

"Meet and Greet" with local State Representative, Jon Manley, the second Thursday of the month (June 8th and July 13th at 6:30 pm) to learn what's been happening on the New Hampshire legislative hill. Rep. Manley is helpful in answering your questions and serves on the Fish, Game and Marine Resources Committee.



NEW! Photo Safari series with local professional photographer, Howard Arndt, a passionate photographer, Howard is a retired basketball player, engineer and aerospace

executive. He and his wife are world travelers and have captured some fascinating photos of diverse and rare wildlife in action. From Howard's website: "Artist statement: Howard's goal with photography is to artfully capture wildlife in a way that the viewer feels the essence of the animal. Hopefully, helping the viewer to experience the beauty in nature and convey the responsibility that we all have to conserve our natural resources. Join us for a monthly program to follow up with an "Armchair Travel" adventure of a new kind. The first of this series will be "The Bald Eagle our National Bird" to be presented on July 12th at 7 pm in the Wensberg room.

Our already very busy staff does an Outreach to the Commons every Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 pm bringing avid and hungry readers books and movies to keep them entertained through the week. Also a big "Thank you!" to the many volunteers from the Commons who help out at the library on Saturday afternoons!

ADULT BOOK CLUBS

On the Edge Book Club meets the third Wednesdays from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. Members bring pot luck lunch entrees that often coincide with an ethnic or thematic component of the book choice for that month.

- June 21st - "Geek Love" by Katherine Dunn
- August 19th- "The Dovekeepers" by Alice Hoffman

Night Readers Book Club

Facilitated by Jean Rainier meets the last Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 8 Pm Come for a lively discussion about a contemporary mix of fiction and non- fiction selections!

- June 28th- "Desert Queen" by Janet Wallach
- July 26th - "When Books Went to War" by Molly Manning

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Recurring events for adults:

- **Adult Coloring** - Every Friday 3 - 5 pm
- **Click Clack Knitters** - Every Thursday 3:30 - 5 pm
- **Friends of Library** - Third Thursdays of the month
- **Writers' Group** - Every Tuesday 3 - 6 pm in the Wensberg Room



The library would like to thank the Crotched Mountain Ridge Runner's snowmobile club (Raymond, Jimmy, Sherry, Tammy, Kay, Sara, Ben, Danny and Scott) for their generous donation of a new American Flag and beautiful shiny new stand to the library's Wensberg room.

"Build a Better World" Summer Reading Program

To participate, stop by the library and register. Play BINGO, keep a reading log or attend one or more of our weekly programs. . .

Complete a BINGO card and earn raffle tickets for ultimate prizes to be given away at the Summer Reading Finale on August 4th @ 4:00 pm at the Town Meeting House.

Find the weekly program themes on the back cover.

Welcome the Hampstead Stage Company!

Many events are planned for the Summer Reading Program. The theme of "Building a Better World" covers many areas of interest. What is going on in the world around us? There are many new ideas people have to create better living situations for everyone, including the plants and animals who co-habitat this planet with us. Over the summer the library will be providing reading incentives for everyone who participates and there will be opportunities to participate on many different levels. Come to a regularly scheduled program or to one of the special programs offered to enhance your literacy and cultural aspirations this summer. Keep a reading log and build a new Lego creation. Complete a



bingo sheet and earn raffle tickets for prizes. Join us at the finale on August 4th at 4:00 pm at the Town Meeting House for a production of "Beauty and the Beast" by the Hampstead Stage company. The program is sponsored by a KBA grant provided by the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and is supported in part by a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts & the

National Endowment for the Arts as well as administered by the NH state Library and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Wednesdays 11:00 am -Preschool through Kindergarten - Story hour with Ms. Eileen

Each week will feature an exciting adventure starting with the Library's Community garden plot, learning about the new library construction project, making a "Trash City" and learning how to sort our trash into treasure, what is water? Where do we get our water from, why is water important for all of us? How can we help our community to make it a better place for everyone?



Maker Program

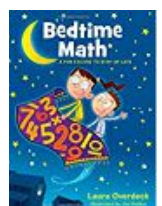
Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 pm
- First grade and up - Maker program continues . . . with a new twist! Build up to nine different renewable energy

projects using snap circuits and K'nex - Wind, solar hydro, you name -we'll be building it! Special Guest, Carol Burgess will talk about the Town Recycling Center on Thursday, July 13th at 4:00 pm.



EXPLORE NATURE'S BEST ENGINEERS! Join the Children's Museum of New Hampshire as, Caitlynne Soule, child educator, will present a special program about nature's special builders and engineers along the rivers of New Hampshire. From the beaver to the osprey details will be explored. This will be held on July 28th at 3:00 pm. Interactive activity included.

Make "Bedtime Math" part of your summer routine, pick up weekly "assignments at the library" Earn more raffle tickets!!



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Cooling The Fire Before Entering



Defensive Action From The Outside



Feeding The Hose In

GREENFIELD FIRE

In the last two months, the Greenfield Fire Department has conducted two live fire exercises. In April, GFD helped burn the Oak Park baseball equipment shed. In December, live fire training is the best possible training for firefighters. Live fire training doesn't happen very often. In both drills, the building was burning, giving firefighters several opportunities each to practice. The events were taken at the two events by photographers Marissa



All those who participated at Lyndeborough: 1 to 4. The firefighters are: LaCourse, Lieut. Chilelli, Pete Censabella, Caleb Borden, Kyle O'Dowd.



Search And Rescue: P

FIREFIGHTERS TRAIN

ment has been fortunate enough to participate in a sizeable farmhouse in Lyndeborough. In May, ed which had been heavily damaged by arson last raining any firefighter can get; but unfortunately ings were lit and extinguished repeatedly afford- ice their skills. The surrounding pictures were Black, Denis Filipetti and Ken Paulson.



front - Capt. Babb, Lieut. Simmons, Deputy Black, Back: Garrett Prince, Chief Hall, Captain



Oak Park Burn: Making Entry



Lyndeborough Burn Near The End



pulling The Manikin Out



Greenfield Ladder Truck At Lyndeborough

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Science and More. Join us on Tuesday evenings, July 11, 18 & 25th at 6:30 pm for a series of Science-oriented presentations by Jon Manley to include topics such as What's New with Climate Change- Is it really real? How do we know? What's your Personal Ecological Footprint? How can you make it smaller? How do you contact your local representatives to let them know what your ideas are? These presentations will be geared to families of children who are of school age.

"Author's Chair Spotlight" activity - Thursdays 3:30-4:30 pm. Ms. Beverly will be conducting mini writer's workshops where children will develop and create a story over the summer and have a chance to read them to the community in the Author's Chair in August. Story devices such as story dice, magnetic story boards, grab bags and more will be created to develop stories.

Feel free to call the library at 547-2790 or email Beverly Pietlicki, Director at director@stephensonlibrary.org with any questions about services or upcoming programs.

Your input is critical to the services the library provides to the community.

Beverly Pietlicki

GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GREENFIELD IMPROVEMENT GROUPS

By Lenny Cornwell

In 1950, Walter Gilbert and others formed a non-profit group called the Greenfield Improvement Association. This ran for about twenty years. A lot of town projects were undertaken and completed by this group.

Unknown to many, in the fall of 1897, a notice was posted for a Greenfield Improvement Club. In January of 1898, they started meeting on Monday evenings. The town history makes reference to the Greenfield Improvement Association from 1886-1899. No reference was found in "The Peterborough Transcript" news for this GIA body. Once the paper did mention the Greenfield Improvement Society. The GIC members were young adult men of the town.

The GIC held events to raise funds. Concerts, dances, and ice cream/ cake socials were some of the fundraisers. One of the group's projects was the addition of a concrete sidewalk from the intersection up to the Meeting House. A sidewalk was already in place from up on Main Street to the depot on Depot Street. A lot of this was done by the town in 1892. So far, it is not known how long the GIC continued. Possibly, the organization extended into the early 1900s.

One of the endeavors of the GIA in 1953 was digging out the concrete sidewalk on Main Street/ Forest Road. Using a loader plus hand tools, the walkway was uncovered. That year, work was done on the school (now the Town Offices) playground. Culverts were installed and sand was put out, providing a larger and dryer play area. Work on the town common was also completed that year.

Donuts and coffee were served to the help in the morning. At noon, a sit-down lunch was served in the Meeting House. These work days were called Community Days and drew anywhere from 100-150 townspeople most years.

Many of the projects complete by the GIA were entered in the State Roadside Beautification Contest. The GIA garnered two first prizes, one second, three third prizes, a commendation and a plaque.

For several years, work was done for a town beach at Otter Lake. Monies from the GIA and the town's veterans were used to initiate the project. A rock with a bronze plaque honoring the veterans was set on a grassy area back a bit from the beach. Fireplaces, tables, bath houses, a beach and a parking lot were constructed. A lifeguard was hired and a small building for living quarters was built. In 1959, the area was sold to the state for the State Park. The GIA and the veterans were reimbursed for all of their expenses at the beach after the sale to the state was finalized.

Work projects were also undertaken around the library; the front walkway, a splash apron around the library and the removal of shrubs was done. Painting the old fire station as well as the cemetery fence were completed. Work on the kitchen in the basement of the Meeting House was another effort as well. Several smaller projects also took place during these Community Days. In 1970, the papers of the GIA were turned over to the Selectman along with the small remaining funds still existing.

As of the writing of this article, there is once again talk of reviving the GIA or a similar group to raise funds toward the repairs to the Meeting House.

Sources: The Peterborough Transcript as well as the town's history.

*NB: At the April 19th, 2017, General Membership Meeting, it was voted to change the dues structure to: single membership - \$30, couple/family membership - \$40, and a business membership of \$65. To join the GHS or to renew your membership, please contact Dale at 547-3377.

QUITE THE GIFT: During the program following the business meeting in April, Ken Paulsen presented the GHS with a book compiling the extensive work that he and Bob Marshall have completed on the cellar holes in town. The two spent considerable time and effort building upon the previous documentation of the cellar holes by Larry Winchester initially, and later, Ben and Adele Hale. The cellar hole inventory was done in conjunction with the exploration of the history of the town's roads by Bob and

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Ken. The cellar hole volume is a valuable resource/ addition to the Museum. Thank you, Bob and Ken!

A HUGE THANK-YOU is tended to Jane Winslow for her MANY years of service and many hats worn while on the Board of Directors. Jane has done it all, and brought the Society to "a next level" at the juncture when the Society realized its own museum.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY

The GHS Board of Directors generally meets every month except December, at the Museum on the second Thursday at 6:30 PM.

The Museum is open on the last Saturday, January through November, from 10 AM until noon. To arrange a visit at another time, please call Lenny at 547-2198.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

E-mail: ghsociety@myfairpoint.net . Facebook: www.facebook.com/GreenfieldHS

Philanthropy in a small way adds up: If you shop on Amazon, please consider simultaneously contributing to the GHS by indicating it as a recipient in the Amazon Smiles program.

The Museum also has some gift items for sale.

STEPPING UP AS A DONOR: The GHS is fortunate to have generous individuals and local businesses (such as Jarvis Adams Heating and Plumbing, LLC) offsetting the expense of its Internet connection. Please let Dale (547 - 3377) know if you'd like to help with this. This is an easy tax deduction, too.

GENEALOGY RESOURCE: The GHS has donated the computer program, Heritage Quest, to the library. With your Stephenson Memorial Library card in hand, you can research your family- from home.

ONE PERSON, ONE HOUR, ONCE A WEEK CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE!

For many of our youngest community members, reading is a struggle and the result may be that critical milestones are missed. This can mean long term consequences for the child and the larger community. If you have an hour each week to give, you can help a child develop a love of reading.

The Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center invites men and women, age 55+, to consider becoming an America Reads volunteer to help children that are struggling with reading. Under the supervision of a teacher, volunteers will engage children in Pre-K through 3rd grade in literacy activities and one-on-one reading time.

RSVP is actively recruiting volunteers for two new locations - the Monadnock Community Early Learning Center,

Peterborough and the Ashuelot Head Start, Hinsdale, as well as one current site - Francestown Elementary. We also continue to expand our volunteer placements in schools and early learning programs across the Monadnock region where we are currently serving. The commitment is for one hour, once a week, throughout the school year.

For more information contact Allison Riley, America Reads Program Coordinator, at ariley@mfs.org or 603-283-1686. Monadnock RSVP is a program of Monadnock Family Services, a Monadnock United Way Agency.

SPIRIT DEADLINES

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue

September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue

November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue

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March 1st for the Apr/May Issue

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue

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**Lifeguards will be on duty
June 19 - 23rd from 2 - 6 pm**

**As of June 24th, lifeguards will be
on duty 9 am to 6 pm
for the rest of the summer.**

SWIMMING LESSONS AT THE BEACH

2017 "LEARN-TO-SWIM" American Red Cross Youth Swim Lessons

WHO: Youth, ages 4 and up

WHERE: Sunset Lake Beach. Lessons are free.

WHEN: Two sessions, each two weeks long, 10 lessons a piece. (some flexibility with dates, check with the head lifeguard)

TIMES: 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. (adjustments may be made at the discretion of the lifeguard)

First Session: July 3rd - July 14th

Second Session: July 24th - August 4th

American Red Cross (ARC) Swimming Lessons are offered by age and ability level. American Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructors (WSI) teach lessons. Each swimming lesson session consists of 10 classes, including safety program, rules, and ability assessment day. The WSI reserves the right to transfer students to the proper class level, which will be determined once your child is observed in the water. Our goal is to make every effort to conduct lessons at the lake. Lessons will be cancelled if it is raining heavily or any thunder and/or lightening present. This is at the discretion of the guard staff. An adult **MUST** accompany children during lessons for safety reasons. Please have your child(ren) on time so lessons can run smoothly. Children will need a towel and sunscreen for lessons. See next page for swimming levels.

REGISTRATION: For questions and registration, contact the Head Lifeguard, Karissa Vincent, at:

karissavincent@earthlink.net

SUNSET LAKE BEACH RULES

1. The beach is for Greenfield Taxpayers, Residents and their guests and non-residents who have paid \$75.00 for a seasonal beach pass ONLY.
2. A Greenfield facilities permit sticker is required on your vehicle. Non-residents may obtain temporary permit for \$75.00.
3. The beach is under the supervision of the certified lifeguard from 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, June 21st through August 30th. The beach is open to the residents between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Presence outside of these hours is considered trespassing.
4. The lifeguard will NOT assume responsibility for unattended or unsupervised children at anytime.
5. Supervised swimming permitted in designated area inside the roped area.
6. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
7. Listen to the lifeguards at all times.
8. Flotation devices are NOT allowed while lifeguards are on duty.
9. Pick up your trash and take it home with you. This is a carry in/carry out facility.
10. NO dogs, horses, or other animals are allowed on the beach.
11. Fishing allowed on the outside of roped beach area ONLY!
12. "No lifeguard on duty" sign will be posted when no lifeguard present. Swim at your own risk.
13. Beach closes at 10 p.m.
14. Do not feed the ducks or other wildlife present near beach area.
15. Parents must watch children near parking lot area. It's the lifeguard's job to watch the water.
16. No Horseplay
17. Lifeguards have the discretion to ask parties to leave the beach premises.
18. Sunset Lake Beach is a **NO SMOKING AREA**.

FLOATING RAFT RULES

1. No rough play.
2. No tipping of the floating raft.
3. No other flotation devices will be allowed on the floating raft while lifeguards are on duty.
4. Lifeguards have the discretion of deciding if a person swims well enough to go in deep water out to the rafts.
5. No swimming under raft.

COMPLAINTS AND COMMENTS should be directed to either the Head Lifeguard OR Aaron Patt at the Town Office at 547-3442

EMERGENCIES AND VANDALISM should be reported to the Greenfield Police Department immediately by dialing 911.

LEVEL	PURPOSE	COURSE CONTENT INCLUDES
Aquaduck Water Familiarization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Develops swimming readiness by teaching children how to have fun in the water * Follows Red Cross Infant & Preschool Aquatic Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Floating and gliding * Basic movements and kicks * Safety * Floating on back and underwater exploration
Level 1 Water Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Orientation to aquatic environment * Create a sound foundation for aquatic and safety skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Supported floating and kicking on front and back * Alternating arm action * Water safety rules * How to get help in an emergency * Reaching assists without equipment * Fundamentals of using a life jacket
Level 2 Primary Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Expand on fundamental aquatic locomotion and safety skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Floating and kicking on front and back * Rhythmic breathing * Combined stroke on front and back * Turning over front to back, back to front * Reaching and extension assists.
Level 3 Stroke Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Increase swimming skill competency * Practice safety and rescue skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fundamentals of elementary backstroke * Jumping into deep water with life jacket * Diving from floating raft * Treading water * Self-rescue skills * Rescue breathing
Level 4 Stroke Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Develop confidence and competency in strokes and safety skills beyond preceding levels * Introduction of breast stroke and side stroke 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Deep-water bobbing * Dive from side of floating raft from stride and standing position * Breast stroke and side stroke
Level 5 Stroke Refinement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continue refinement of front crawl, back crawl, crawl, elementary back stroke, breast stroke, and side stroke * Introduce butterfly, surface dives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Alternate breathing * Swimming underwater * Butterfly * Open turns of front and back * Diving safety
Level 6 Skill Proficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Develop maximum efficiency and endurance for strokes * Introduce surface dives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Alternative kicks for treading water * Throwing rescues * Turning spinal injury victim face up * Approach stroke



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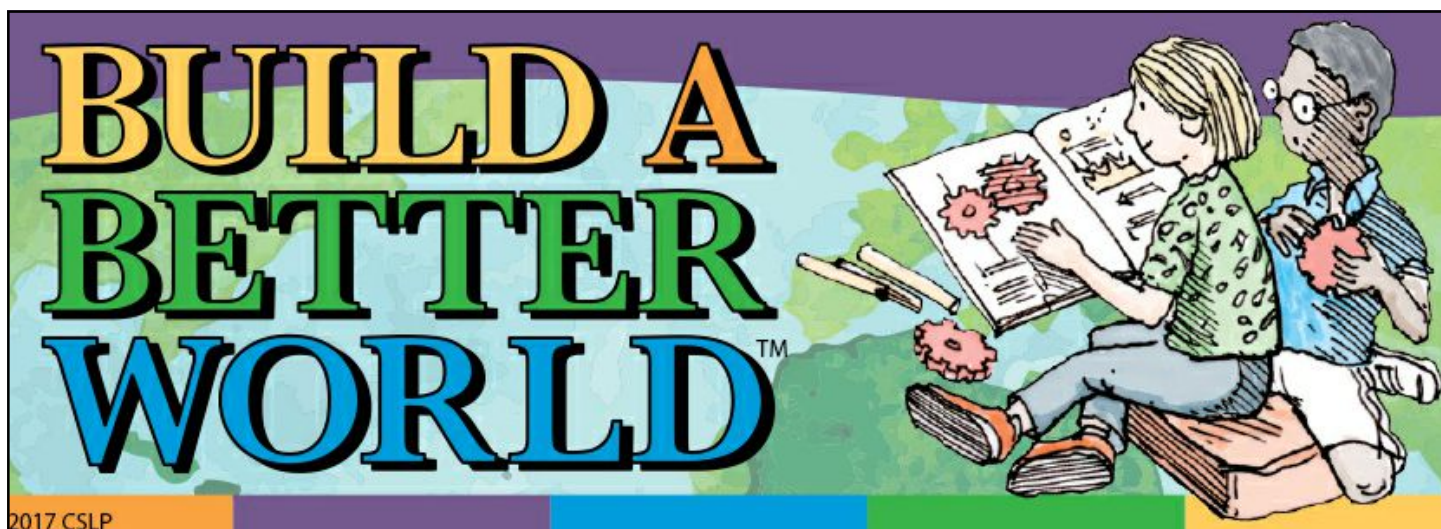
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